



REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP ART UNIT 1645

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:  
MAURER, et al.

Examiner: V. L. FORD

Appln. No.: 09/147,036

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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October 22, 2003

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the April 22, 2003 Final Office Action issued by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified application. A petition for a three-month extension of time extending the due date for response to October 22, 2003 accompanies this Amendment. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed and Applicants respectfully request its entry.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.